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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination of the present application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 2, and enter amended claims 1, 8, 11, 12, 19, and 20, and new claim 21:

Please substitute the following for Claim 1:

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1. (once amended) A method for producing a recombinant membrane protein in an insect larvae expression system, the method comprising:

(a) infection of larvae with a vector that has a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a recombinant membrane fusion protein with an affinity tag wherein the recombinant membrane protein is expressed in the larvae; and

(b) purification of the recombinant membrane protein from said larvae by affinity chromatography.

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